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Attention: Transportation Committee Members of the Conn. General Assembly.

Subject: Proposed Bill 800: An Act Restoring Commuter Rail Service
From Waterbury to Hartford.

Hello All,

Please know that I am most definitely opposed to the subject Proposed Bill 800.

Please people, reconsider& give full support for the New Britain/Hartford Busway.

State senators & State representatives want to stop the planned Busway Project. Why? For more than 10 years, the Citizens of Parkville and the Parkville Problem Solving Committee have been working in good faith with the Connecticut D.O.T., the Capitol Region Council of Governments & the City of Hartford to bring Bus Rapid Transit to our Community, The City of Hartford & The City of New Britain.

In 1998, when the Busway was recommended as an important element in solving the problems of congestion on I-84, We resolved as an entire community to act to resolve the problem we could see right out our windows, each and every day. We attended countless meetings & public hearings, we focused our planning efforts on the transformative possibilities of a busway station, we formed working groups and hosted many meetings. We stuck with & have supported the Busway Project.

Why? Because we know exactly how much our Bus System needs improvement. We understand that the Busway Project will bring very real Bus Rapid Transit to our Region, to our City and to our Neighborhood. When this Project is so close to receiving the final federal funding needed, Why?, is there any talk of cancelling it. What does it take to implement a project other than new highways or trains in this state? Has all our countless hours & all the money spent over the last decade to bring this busway project to reality been for nothing? Where's leadership in that? Has anyone considered the impact on the large percentage of citizens who don't drive in both of these cities, the largest cities in Hartford County's central region?

Respectfully,

Ms. Ellen Fontaine
Hartford, Connecticut

Cc: CRCOG, Mayor Pedro Segarra, City of Hartford, Court of Common Council.